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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT-EXTENSION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT
F-16 OFFER TO CONSORTIUM.

REF: AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 4082, DTG 071500Z MAY 75 AND
4099 DTG 071726Z MAY 75

1. CHIEF AIR FORCE SECTION MAAG DISCUSSED PLANNED EVENTS
WITH RNLAFF OFFICER WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MOD
ACTIVITIES. DUE TO THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES (I.E. PRIME
MINISTER TINDEMANS' VISIT TO FRANCE TODAY), A FIRM SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS CULMINATING WITH THE FINAL OBLIGATION OF THE DUTCH
GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE THE F-16 HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED. THE
MOST PROBABLE COURSE OF EVENTS ENVISAGED DURING THE MONTH OF
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14 MAY: THE DRAFT MOU AND PRELIMINARY CONTRACT WILL BE COMPLETED
BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND U.S. DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS.

14-23 MAY: MINISTERIAL EVALUATION, REVISIONS AND COORDINATION OF

THE TWO ABOVE DOCUMENTS.

23 MAY: F-16 PLACED AS OFFICIAL AGENDA ITEM FOR THE DUTCH CABINET MEETING. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL REPEAT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION ON THIS DATE.

2. SINCE THE 12 MAY MEETING BETWEEN THE FOUR CONSORTIUM MOD'S WAS POSTPONED, THE SOURCE BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT MOD'S WILL NEED TO MEET SOMETIME AFTER THE 23RD OF MAY. ASSUMING THE MOD'S AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PURCHASE THE F-16, HOLLAND CAN THEN SIGN THE PRELIMINARY CONTRACT. THE SOURCE WAS QUERIED AS TO THE NEED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL PRIOR TO COMMITTING THE GOVERNMENT. HE RESPONDED THAT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL IS NOT NECESSARY PRIOR TO NETHERLANDS OFFICIALS SIGNING THE PRELIMINARY CONTRACT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROJECT, ONE COULD EXPECT THE PRELIMINARY CONTRACT TO INCLUDE CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS SUCH AS "SUBJECT TO FAVORABLE PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSIONS."

3. THERE IS MINIMUM INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING EUROPEAN PREFERENCE DOCTRINE MENTIONED IN BRUSSELS 3979. SOURCE DID COMMENT THAT IS IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY DUTCHWOULD SUBSCRIBE TO CONCEPT OF DEVELOPING A EUROPEAN LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER DUE TO 10 YEAR LEAD TIME AND ENORMOUS CASH INVOLVED.
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